Tires, Tires, and More Tires

Have you ever stopped to think about all of the tires that are sold each year? The United States has more than 140,000,000 passenger vehicles. Just think of the number of tires needed if these vehicles have tires replaced every other year. About 280,000,000 tires would be sold each year. Add to that figure the number of tires used by large trucks. Some trucks have 16 to 18 tires each. They drive hundreds of thousands of miles each year. What about tires for buses and bicycles? The number of tires that are no longer needed by drivers also must be considered. Have you ever thought about what happens to all of these tires? Are they recycled? Are they abandoned?